

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

Narcissus Swanigan,

Plaintiff,

v.

Social Security Administration, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:25-cv-05301-JLR

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The District Court has referred Plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP) to United States Magistrate Judge Theresa L. Fricke. Dkt. 1.

The district court may permit indigent litigants to proceed IFP upon completion of a proper affidavit of indigency. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). However, the court has broad discretion in denying an application to proceed IFP. *Weller v. Dickson*, 314 F.2d 598 (9th Cir. 1963), *cert. denied* 375 U.S. 845 (1963).

Plaintiff's application to proceed IFP is insufficient to determine if Plaintiff is unable to pay the \$405 filing fee. Dkt. 1. In the application form, Plaintiff described their monthly expenses as being payments for food, clothing, hygiene, and dog food, but Plaintiff did not specify the amount of money spent per month on those items. *Id.* at 2. Plaintiff's IFP application does not comply with the statutory criteria of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(b), and therefore is incomplete.

1 The Court, in sum and for the reasons stated above, herein ORDERS Plaintiff  
2 Narcissus Swanigan to file a revised IFP application and complete the information that  
3 is needed ("show cause") on or before **May 6, 2025**. Plaintiff is further advised that  
4 failure to comply with this order may result in denial of IFP and/or dismissal. The Clerk  
5 is directed to send a copy of this Order to Plaintiff and a blank IFP application form.

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7 Dated this 15th day of April, 2025.

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